

BOOK NOTICES

RICHARD SPELLENBERG. 2003. **Sonoran Desert Wildflowers**. (ISBN 0-7627-1136-1, pbk.). The Globe Pequot Press, 246 Goose Lane, PO Box 480, Guilford, CT 06437, U.S.A. (Orders: 800 826-8911, fax 800-820-2329). \$24.95 pbk., 246 pp., numerous color photos, 7 b/w figures, 1 map, 1 graph, 7" × 9".

From the back cover: *Sonoran Wildflowers* is the ultimate field guide to wildflowers of North America's most biologically diverse desert, which straddles the Gulf of California between the Baja Peninsula and northwestern Sonora and stretches north into California and Arizona. Packed with vivid color photos and informative text, this valuable reference will help you identify and appreciate the varied flora of this vast region's six different climates." The author's photographs are exceptionally crisp and vibrant. Botanists and wildflower enthusiasts alike cannot go wrong with having this book in their library.—Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A., barney@brit.org.

ELIZABETH A. (BERNDT) GEORGE, watercolour paintings and illustrations by MARGARET PIERONI. 2002. **Verticordia: The Turner of Hearts**. (ISBN 1-876268-46-8, hbk.). University of Western Australia Press (www.uwapress.uwa.edu.au), Crawley, Western Australia 6009 in association with Australian Biological Resources Study, GPO Box 787, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory 2601. (Orders: International Specialized Book Services, 5824 NW Hassalo St., Portland, OR 97213-3644, U.S.A.; 503-287-3093, fax 503-280-8832, www.isbs.com, email: info@isbs.com). \$84.95 hbk., 422 pp., 102 plates of watercolor paintings with line drawings, maps, 8 1/4" × 11 1/4".

From the back cover: "*Verticordia: The Turner of Hearts* brings together for the first time available information on all the described taxa of *Verticordia* (101 species, 13 subspecies and 30 varieties) providing a comprehensive, user-friendly guide to their identification and cultivation." *Verticordia* is a member of the Myrtaceae family. Each species comes with a description followed by information on the distribution, habitat, flowering period, distinguishing characteristics, other names used (synonyms), cultivation, and conservation status. A key to infrageneric taxa and species is provided.—Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A., barney@brit.org.